

Appl. No. : 09/380,106
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REMARKS

Claims 3, 5-6, 8, and 10-24 have been cancelled. Claims 1-2, 4, 7, 9, and 25 are now pending in this application. No new matter is added with this amendment.

With this response, the previous amendment and arguments submitted September 2, 2003 have been entered and additional claims (11-24) have been cancelled. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 2, and 9 are allowable in the telephonic interviews discussed above. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims other than claims 1, 2, and 9 and their dependent claims (4, 7, 9, and 25). Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the cancelled claims. Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicants' amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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